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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 1,

Line 32, change "referredtobriefly" to -- referred to briefly --;  
Line 44, change "directly-bound" to -- directly bound --;

Column 5,

Line 33, change "amultiplicity" to -- a multiplicity --;  
Line 33, change "aporous" to -- a porous --;

Column 8,

Line 14, change "withan" to -- with an --;  
Line 53, change "amicrotiter" to -- a microtiter --;

Column 10,

Line 32, change "50000" to -- 5000 --;  
Line 38, change "oxirine" to -- oxirane --.

Signed and Sealed this

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a distinct "D".

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